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SUBJECT: QADHAFT'S SPEECH OF 11 JUNE

1. THE FESTIVITIES OF AMERICAN EVACUATION DAY OF 11 JUNE TRANSPIRED LATE IN THE DAY IN A RATHER CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE INVOLVING MOTORIZED FLOATS AND A PARADE BY THE PEOPLES MILITIA, EACH MEMBER OF WHICH SEEMED TO BE MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT DRUMMER. ASIDE FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONALIZATION OF BUNKER HUNT, WE FIND NOTHING PARTICULARLY STARTLING IN QADHAFT'S SPEECH ON THE OCCASION, AND EVEN THE BUNKER HUNT TAKEOVER WAS REASONABLY PREDICTABLE. BOTH WE AND OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES BELIEVE IT WAS ANNOUNCED WHEN IT WAS IN ORDER TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE OTHER OIL

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COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE FACING A DEADLINE IN PARTICIPATION TALKS ON THE EVENING OF 12 JUNE.



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3. AS ONE MIGHT EXPECT, THE U.S. TOOK MOST OF THE LUMPS IN QADHAFI'S SPEECH, BUT HE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT OFF HIS NORMAL FORM AND MADE ONLY PASSING REFERENCE TO VARIOUS BONES OVER WHICH HE CONTENDS WITH US. THERE MAY BE SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN THE RELATIVE LACK OF MENTION OF MERGER PLANS WITH EGYPT, PARTICULARLY SINCE SADAT WAS SEATED CLOSE BY DURING THE SPEECH. HOWEVER, WELL AWARE THAT A SERIOUS ALTERCATION BETWEEN LIBYANS AND EGYPTIANS HAD TAKEN PLACE ON 7 JUNE, QADHAFI MAY HAVE FELT CONSTRAINED TO DOWNPLAY LIBYA'S EGYPTIAN FRIENDS.

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4. DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS HAVE INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH THIS EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT THE LIBYAN CROWD WAS STIMULATED THOUGH NOT HIGHLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WHAT QADHAFI HAD TO SAY. IT CONSISTED, IN THE MAIN, OF PEOPLES COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ASU PERSONNEL, YOUNG FOLK AND PERSONS FROM OUTLYING DISTRICTS WHO WERE BUSED TO DOWNTOWN TRIPOLI WHERE THE OCCASION WAS CELEBRATED. BY 1700 HOURS WHEN THE FESTIVITIES BEGAN, A STRONG, RATHER CHILL WIND WAS BLOWING SAND AROUND AND MAY HAVE DAMPENED THE ARDOR OF THE CROWD SOMEWHAT.
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